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## Make The Most Of Your Opportunities-Save Money By Buying Your Christmas Supplies of Advertisers

### THE ECHO THEATRE.

Great Bend's New Photo Playhouse Will Open Next Week.

The Echo Theatre, the new photo playhouse for Great Bend will be opened to the public by Messrs. Johnson & Pisinger early next week with one of the most elaborate motion picture entertainments ever given in the city, and the public is most cordially invited to be present on this occasion and see for themselves the class of entertainment that will be put on at this playhouse every night and always at popular prices.

The building has been fixed up in a way which will give the greatest comfort, convenience and safety for the patrons. The stage opening is 12x15 feet and is 14 feet deep, giving an abundance of room to show all of the pictures off to the very best advantage, and also providing room enough so that vaudeville entertainments can be staged from time to time.

Just in front of the stage a pit has been constructed for the orchestra, and this feature of each evening's entertainment will of itself be well worth the price of admission. Mr. Pisinger, the musical director, is one of the very finest violinists in the state and he will have associated with him a company of musicians that will make one of the best orchestras ever heard in the city. The orchestra to begin with will comprise six numbers.

Three hundred and fifty comfortable opera chairs have been placed in the room, which leaves abundant room for full regulation width aisles. One thing which will be of particular convenience to the patrons who enter while the lights are off will be the floor lights in the aisles which will permit of a person finding their way to a seat without inconvenience.

Every precaution is being taken to insure the comfort and safety of the patrons. The room will be thoroughly warmed at all times, and large suction fans will carry off the foul air and supply an abundance of fresh air, so that the health of all will be safeguarded. The service which will be put on will be every best possible to obtain. No films will be used but the latest and best and no vaudeville acts will be put on that are not strictly clean and up-to-date.

The proprietors ask for the patronage of the public solely on the merits of the entertainments they will provide, and they ask you to be present at their opening next week to judge for yourself what you may expect in the future. Watch for the bills announcing the opening date.

J. W. Soderstrom is assisting in the county treasurer's office during the rush of tax paying.

Nick Klepper was up from Ellinwood Monday on a tax paying trip and for a visit with his many Great Bend friends.

### BROUGHT BACK HIS MAN.

Sheriff Brown returned Sunday evening from Plainview, Texas, and brought back with him one C. P. Bryant, for whom he has been in search for some months for to answer to a charge of wife desertion. Mrs. Bryant was formerly Miss Clara Knight, of this city, and the couple were married here less than a year ago. Bryant is a photographer and advertising man and has worked all over this part of the country taking pictures and getting out illustrated editions of various newspapers.

Brown had been on the look-out for Bryant for several months but had been unable to get a clue as to his whereabouts, but at last was successful in this way. He heard that some time ago Attorney James Clark had received a letter from Bryant, mailed at some point in Texas. Mr. Clark had forgotten the name of the town, but remembered throwing the letter in the waste basket and emptying the basket in the trash furnace in the rear of the Moses Merc. Co. store, and there it was found by Mr. Brown after he had dug around in the trash and ashes for a couple of hours, and securing the address he wired to the sheriff at that point to locate the man if he was still there and on receiving an affirmative reply went down after him. Mr. Brown says if anyone has an idea that the state of Texas is anything of a small place they should take a trip down there and get the right idea of the matter, and since making the trip he is inclined to think that if the Mexicans continue too obstreperous all that will be necessary will be to turn the state of Texas loose on them and the greasers will be subdued in short order.

### STOCK LOSSES REPORTED.

Quite a number of losses of stock have been reported from different parts of this county during the past two weeks. Some who have had losses do not know what to lay it to, while others say that many of the deaths are due to taking the stock off of wheat pasture abruptly. A. B. Lovett lost two cows last week that had been taken off wheat pasture and put on dry feed, and several other similar cases have been reported in the vicinity of Larned.

The heavy rains of the past two weeks made the fields so soft that it was necessary nearly everywhere to take stock off the wheat, and it is the sudden change to dry feed which has caused most of the losses, many stock owners believe.—Larned Tiller and Toller.

Peter Rudiger was a business visitor from west Liberty township Saturday.

Wm. Timmeyer was in from the farm northeast of town Saturday visiting with his many friends and on a business trip.

### PROGRAM—FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

To Be Held at Great Bend, Kansas, Friday and Saturday, December 19-20

#### FRIDAY MORNING.

10:20—How I Handle the Dairy Herd.... Mr. Normie Duschene  
10:40—Why Not More Dairying In This Locality.... Mr. George Merritt  
11:00—Dairying A Profitable Farm Industry.... Mr. A. S. Neale  
(Kansas State Agricultural College)

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

1:15—Judging Dairy Cattle.... Mr. Neale  
1:50—Bread and Bread Making.... Miss Florence Snell  
(Kansas State Agricultural College)  
2:30—Right Type of Farm Horse For This Locality.... Mr. Fred Ewing  
2:50—Proper Care and Feeding of The Work Horse.... Mr. Wm. Harris Discussion.

#### SATURDAY MORNING.

9:00—Judging exhibits.  
10:20—Requirements of a Good Silo.... Mr. William Rogers  
10:40—Experiences In Filling a Silo.... Mr. Thomas Clayton  
11:00—Silos and Silage.... Mr. Neale  
11:45—Business Meeting.

#### SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

1:15—Judging.  
1:30—Feeding and Care of Swine to Prevent Hog Cholera.... Mr. C. Allison  
1:50—How to Make Hog Raising Profitable With High Priced Feed.... Mr. C. P. Ayers  
2:10—Hog Raising In Combination With Dairying.... Mr. William Merritt  
2:40—Co-operation In Building Up a Community.... Mr. W. H. Maybach  
3:00—Home Management.... Miss Snell

#### WOMEN'S MEETING.

1:15—Business Meeting.  
1:30—Possibilities In Poultry Raising.... Miss Fay Gwinn  
2:00—Canning and Preserving.... Miss Snell

### AS MUCH TRUTH AS POSSIBLE.

Tom McNeal advises A. R. Hansmann, who has taken editorial charge of the Lyons News-Democrat, and in his salutatory announces that the first business of a paper is to tell the truth and tell it without trimming.

"We once heard of a man who engaged in the newspaper business and nailed at the masthead of the paper, so to speak, the legend that he proposed to publish the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth," says Mr. McNeal. "With in the first four weeks he was licked by four different men, licked two small men, was horse-whipped by one woman and chased down an alley by another. At the beginning of the second month he changed his motto to read: 'We aim to tell the truth, but not so damned much of it as heretofore.'"

E. E. Barricklow was in Wichita on business this week.

S. G. Yeo returned Saturday morning from a business trip and visit at Kinsley.

Dr. P. H. Owens has purchased a new Case roadsters, one of the latest looking cars in the city.

Frank Parrish, John Hoge and Harry Frey were in from southwest of town Saturday on a business trip and visit.

Pete Scheufler was up from Comanche township last week for a visit of a few days with his brother, George Scheufler and family.

### GETS LEAGUE CONVENTION.

The Western Kansas Epworth League Institute, comprising the Southwest and Northwest Kansas conferences, will convene in Great Bend next year. The decision was made at Hutchinson last Thursday afternoon at a meeting of the executive committee held in Hutchinson. An invitation had also been extended from Winfield to make that city their meeting place for next year, but the majority of the committee favored Great Bend. It is estimated that close to three hundred young church workers will be here for the meeting.

Rev. McCormick, Tom Keegan and Frank McCormick, of this place, attended the Hutchinson meeting.

### "THELMA."

"Thelma" is without doubt the most talked of of all book plays and has created more interest than all others. Marie Correll's "Thelma" is a world-wide popular story and everyone that is familiar with the book can realize the grand material it affords for a beautiful drama. It is a romance of the Northland, a Norwegian story with a dash of mysticism of the old village, the gods of Oden and Thor, giving the great scenes in The Land of the Midnight Sun, The Burning Viking Ship, The Rainbow of Death, The Famous Echo Cave, Etc. Every detail perfect and the engagement of this popular play is announced as one of the season's theatrical events. Will be at Ellinwood, Saturday, Dec. 20th. Better secure your tickets at once.

Phil Kopplin was over from Holington Sunday for a visit with relatives and friends.

T. B. Unruh and Jacob Rudiger, of west of town, were visiting and looking after business matters in the city Monday.

Watt O'Connell was up town Tuesday morning for the first time in over four weeks. He is feeling pretty good since his recent operation, but is still very weak and requires the assistance of a cane in order to get around at all.

Henry Steink, Phillip Kramer and Mrs. D. J. Heinze, all of Cleveland township, and David Heinze Jr., of Russell county, were here last Friday looking after business matters in the probate court relative to the estate of the late D. G. Helms.

Ben Kelly took a drive out to the farm on the south side one day last week and reports that the wheat prospects out that way are by far the finest he ever saw, taking the country as a whole. He has out over three hundred acres and says it is all looking as fine as it possibly could.

Manley Wells and family were here from Holington last week for a visit of a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wells and family. Manley has been working in the Holington shops for some time and with his family was on his way to La Junta where they will visit over the holidays with relatives and friends.

John Arbinger, of Ellinwood, was a visitor here Monday.

### DON'T FORGET YOUR TAXES.

If you do not desire to have the penalty added to your taxes, better make a visit to the county treasurer and have yourself squared on the books before the close of the week. Saturday is the last day for paying taxes without the penalty being added and you should not neglect the matter.

### MRS. CATHERINE MCCAFFERY.

It is with sincere personal sorrow that we chronicle the death this week of another of the old residents of Barton county and one of the old neighbors and true friends of the writer, the death of Mrs. Catherine McCaffery, which occurred on Monday morning of this week at the home of her niece, Mrs. P. E. Murphy, of Liberty township, where she had made her home since the death of her husband, almost seventeen years ago.

Mrs. McCaffery, whose maiden name was Catherine Dugan, was born in Galway, Ireland, in 1829. When she was thirty-five years of age she came to America, living for a short time in Illinois, and later moving to Utica, Mo., where she made her home with a sister until she was united in marriage to Michael McCaffery in 1873. To this union one son, William, now living at Jetmore, was born, who with a stepson, James McCaffery, of Burdette, are left to mourn her loss.

In 1884 Mrs. McCaffery came to Barton county with her husband settling in Liberty township, where she has resided continuously since that time. In 1896 Mr. McCaffery was killed by the roof of a cave falling in on him, and since that time Mrs. McCaffery has made her home with her niece, where she received all the care and comfort and solicitude that could have been bestowed by Mrs. Murphy and her family upon her own mother. For many years she has been in a very feeble condition, and during the last few months of her life she was stricken with blindness and her general health was such as to require the most constant attention, until on Monday morning of this week death mercifully came to relieve her of her sufferings and sorrow, and bore her away to that heavenly home into the arms of Him who doeth all things well and in whom she had trusted unwaveringly and loved and obeyed all her life.

It had been the privilege of the writer to have been a friend and acquaintance of Mrs. McCaffery since early childhood, and we have known her to be a woman whom it was indeed a pleasure to know and to be counted as her friend. She was a woman who was passionately fond of all children and she was never too busy or tired to heed their slightest wishes or do all in her power to entertain or assist them in every way. She was a woman who believed in good, not for self aggrandizement but for the sake of the Master whom she loved to honor and serve. Self-sacrificing to an extreme, she was ever ready to lay aside her highest personal desires to accommodate in any way a neighbor and friend. As a boy we have many times sat on her knee and in wide-eyed wonder listened to her tales of the beautiful Erin's Isle which was her childhood home. In her later and declining years we have been pleased to listen to her kindly wishes for our welfare and prosperity, for she was one who sincerely rejoiced with her friends in their happiness and her tender heart was sorely saddened at their slightest griefs, and in her passing to that home above which has been prepared for those who have walked uprightly and have kept the faith and from all of her sorrows and disappointments of this mortal life and where she will be happily united with the loved ones gone before, we feel that we have lost one of our best and most sincere personal friends and the community a woman who in her quiet unassuming way had been an inspiration to the better and nobler life of all those with whom she came in contact. She was one of God's own gentlewomen.

Since childhood Mrs. McCaffery had been a devout member of the Catholic church, and the funeral services were held at that church in this city Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, being conducted by Father Reidy, and interment made in the cemetery beside the remains of her husband.

Mrs. Gay Johnson was down from Larned last week for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Moore and family.

### IS IT FACT OR FICTION?

Seward Girl Is Reported To Be Heir To a Large Fortune.

The following dispatch regarding a young woman of Seward and her seeming good fortune, appeared in the daily papers of last Saturday and Sunday. Some are inclined to think that the letter was written by some one as a joke, while others are of the opinion that it is genuine. The article taken from the Hutchinson News of Saturday is as follows:

Because Ethel Muntz, a young girl of Seward, Stafford county, risked her life to grasp a little child from the wheels of a touring car, she is to receive \$20,000 in the will of Colonel G. Grant, of Denver, Colo.

Col. Grant was motoring in his touring car from Kansas City to Denver last month. While passing through the Stafford county town his chauffeur almost ran over the child in the street.

Miss Muntz, a daughter of L. A. Muntz, of Seward, saw the child's peril, rushed to the little one and jerked her to safety although barely escaping herself. The Denver mob took her name and address.

Last week the following letter was received from the Denver motor tourist:

"Risking her own life to save that of a little child from being crushed beneath a touring car and raising a pair of blue eyes and cheeks made red by November winds, and a smiling face, has caused me to change my will in which in 1905 I gave \$20,000 to charity.

Upon reaching my destination, home, I shall change my will in which \$20,000 of my fortune shall go to Miss Ethel Muntz, of Seward, Kansas. All papers for identification will be in the State bank of Denver, Colo., whether at the time of my death she is married or single she will be found. I am an old man now, 76, and I feel the years will not be long.

(Signed) COLONEL G. GRANT, Denver, Colo.

### A ROSEATE PICTURE.

E. R. Moses, of this city, made an address before the members of the Hutchinson Commercial Club on Monday evening of this week, concerning which the Hutchinson Gazette of Wednesday morning has the following to say:—

E. R. Moses, of Great Bend, gave a new vision to the members of this Commercial Club Monday night, or, at least, if not a new vision, a renewed one of the possibilities of the great Arkansas Valley. That vision had its base in the underflow—that inexhaustible supply of water which only in recent years has begun to be put to its proper use.

Mr. Moses cited the experience of other valleys with far less in the way of natural advantages, that had been made to blossom like the rose, regardless of the prodigality or paucity of naturally deposited moisture. Development in this direction he forecasted as the next achievement of the people of the valley. He predicted that organizations would be formed to acquire the great farms, subdivide them into smaller tracts, and sell them to families who would apply intensive methods to their farming, demonstrations first having been made to illustrate the possibilities in that direction.

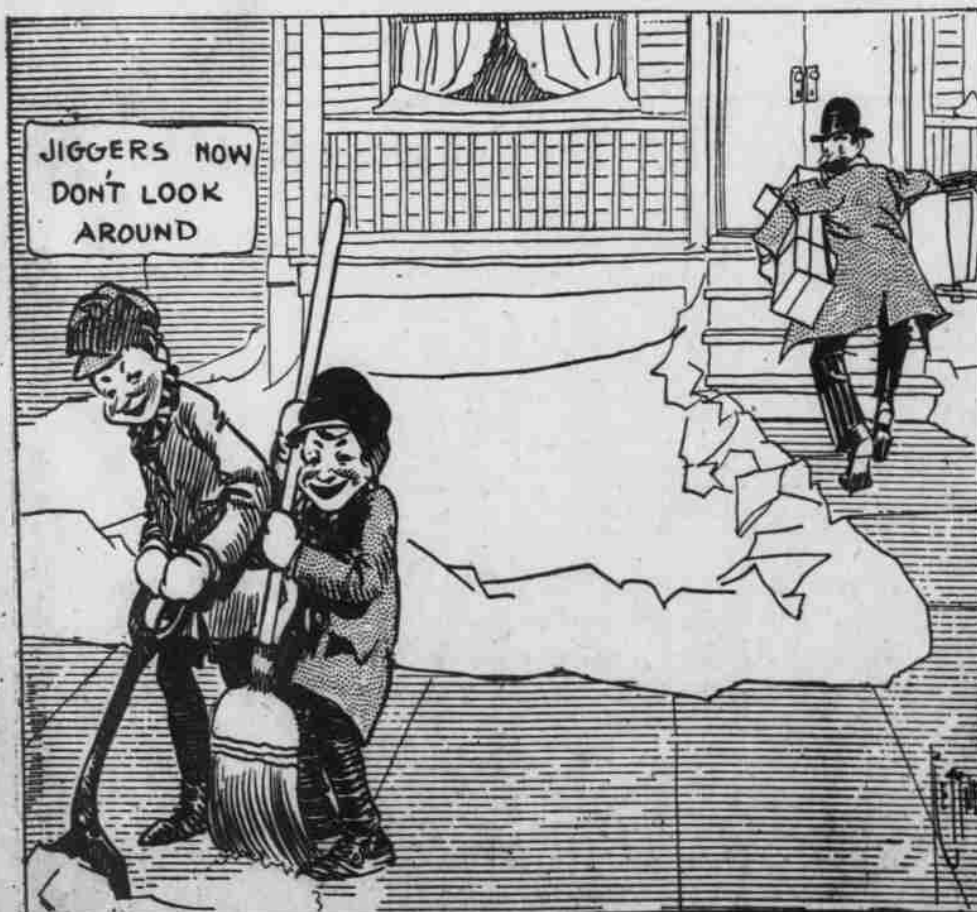
Such a development could not have any other effect, of course, than the building up of prosperous cities along the valley, to provide markets for and shipping points for the vastly increased production such methods would bring. Experiments that have already been made by individual farmers have shown the feasibility of the methods Mr. Moses urged. Some of these experiments have been made close at home, others a little farther up the valley. A significant feature of Mr. Moses' talk was that the Garden City, where irrigation is an established practice did not feel the dry weather last summer at all.

Roseate as was the picture painted by Great Bend's bustling citizen, there is no reason why it cannot be made real. Energy intelligently directed is all that is needed to translate vision into reality.

Henry and Gus Werhahn were in Hutchinson on business the first of the week.

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### TACTFUL SEASON IS HERE



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One Week to Christmas.